

1 206 and 207 into evidence?

2 THE COURT: Any objection?

3 ATTORNEY KRATZ: No.

4 THE COURT: They are admitted.

5 (Recess taken.)

6 (Jury present.)

7 THE COURT: Mr. Kratz, at this time you may
8 call your next witness.

9 ATTORNEY KRATZ: State will call Andrew
10 Colborn to the stand.

11 THE CLERK: Please raise your right hand.

12 **SERGEANT ANDREW L. COLBORN**, called as a
13 witness herein, having been first duly sworn, was
14 examined and testified as follows:

15 THE CLERK: Please be seated. Please state
16 your name and spell your last name for the record.

17 THE WITNESS: Andrew L. Colborn,
18 C-o-l-b-o-r-n.

19 ATTORNEY KRATZ: You don't have to be quite
20 so close.

21 **DIRECT EXAMINATION**

22 BY ATTORNEY KRATZ:

23 Q. Mr. Colborn, can you tell us, how are you
24 employed, please.

25 A. I'm a patrol sergeant with the Manitowoc County



1 Sheriff's Department.

2 Q. How long have you been a law enforcement officer?

3 A. Since 1996.

4 Q. Prior to 1996, what did you do?

5 A. I was a Corrections Officer from 1992 to 1994,
6 also with the Manitowoc County Sheriff's
7 Department.

8 Q. What does a Corrections Officer do?

9 A. A Corrections Officer is a non-sworn, non-law
10 enforcement officer, that is a responsibility for
11 security of the jail.

12 Q. All right. How was it that you became a sworn
13 law enforcement officer?

14 A. When a position opened up at the Manitowoc County
15 Sheriff's Department, I did perform the State
16 written test, performed an agility test, went on
17 an eligibility list, and eventually I was
18 selected.

19 Q. What are your current duties with the Manitowoc
20 County Sheriff's Department?

21 A. I'm a assistant shift commander for the noon to 8
22 shift so I have some administrative duties and
23 then I have some patrol duties.

24 Q. Prior to being selected as a law enforcement
25 officer, did you have any duties in your prior

1 life that in any way prepared you for being a law
2 enforcement officer?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Sergeant, you hold the rank of sergeant?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. And in early November of 2005, did you hold that
7 same rank?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. What were your duties back in early November of
10 '05?

11 A. Essentially the same duties that I hold today. I
12 was a patrol supervisor on -- I work a six day
13 on, three day off rotation. So on the days that
14 the lieutenant that's assigned to the shift is
15 off, I would be the shift commander.

16 Q. So you have supervisory responsibilities as well?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. I'm going to direct your attention to
19 November 3rd of 2005, ask if you were employed on
20 that evening?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. Do you recall what your duties were on
23 November 3rd?

24 A. I was the shift commander for the noon to 8
25 shift, that's the shift I'm assigned to.

1 Q. Sometime during that shift, Sergeant Colborn,
2 were you informed of a Calumet County missing
3 persons investigation that was ongoing?

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. And being involved in that -- or excuse me, being
6 aware of that investigation, were you asked to
7 assist in any way?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. Tell the jury how you were asked to assist?

10 A. I was contacted by, I believe it was inspector or
11 Investigator Mark Wiegert from the Calumet County
12 Sheriff's Office, who contacted the dispatch
13 center by telephone, who then transferred the
14 call to my patrol car.

15 He asked if I could respond to, I
16 believe he gave me the address of 12928 Avery
17 Road. He asked if I knew where that was and I
18 told him, yes, I believe that that was the
19 address of Avery Auto Salvage. And he asked if I
20 could go there and check for a missing person
21 because they had a missing person report that had
22 generated in Calumet County and it had been
23 determined, through the course of their
24 investigation, that she had been out at the Avery
25 Salvage Yard, taking pictures of a vehicle that

1 was for sale.

2 Q. At the time that Investigator Wiegert asked for
3 your assistance, did Investigator Wiegert tell
4 you other places within Manitowoc County that Ms
5 Halbach had known to have been on the 31st of
6 October?

7 A. I don't believe in the -- in the initial phone
8 call that he did.

9 Q. All right. Some time later that evening you
10 heard?

11 A. Yes, sometime later that evening he gave me
12 another address on County Highway B and another
13 name and asked me to check there as well.

14 Q. What name was that, just so -- we're going to
15 eventually get there?

16 A. I believe the first name was George; I know the
17 last name was Zipperer.

18 Q. Sergeant Colborn, are you at all familiar with
19 the Avery salvage business itself?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Tell the jury how you are familiar with that
22 business.

23 A. I have been, personally, a customer of the Avery
24 Auto Salvage business; as well as, I have had
25 contacts there through with law enforcement. And

1 I have children that are the same age as some of
2 the owners of Avery Auto Salvage, so I had
3 contact with them through the course of school
4 events.

5 Q. All right. Let's take those -- Well, when we
6 discuss this, I'm going show you what's been
7 received as Exhibit 86, can you tell us what that
8 is, please.

9 A. That's an overhead, like an airplane view,
10 birds-eye view of the Avery Auto Salvage.

11 Q. Prior to the 3rd of November, 2005, had you been
12 to that property?

13 A. Prior to 2005?

14 Q. Prior to November 3rd of 2005, had you been to
15 that property?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And under what circumstances, can you tell the
18 jury about that?

19 A. Again, as a customer.

20 Q. Let's talk about that, first. What do you mean
21 as a customer.

22 A. I have several older vehicles, one, as a matter
23 of fact, is a 1950 Chevrolet pickup truck. And
24 I -- in the process of tinkering around with it,
25 I have gone to several auto salvage and I have

1 always been referred to the Avery Auto Salvage as
2 the place to go if you are looking for an older
3 model vehicle parts -- or parts for an older
4 model vehicle.

5 Q. Was there one person in particular that you would
6 normally have contact with at the Avery Auto
7 Salvage?

8 A. No, actually, usually there were two; either I
9 had contact with Charles Avery or Earl Avery.

10 Q. All right. They are brothers and, in fact, the
11 owners of the business; is that right?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. Let me ask you this, Sergeant Colborn, if you
14 know, prior to the 3rd of November, 2005, when
15 was the last time you were at the Avery Auto
16 Salvage business?

17 A. I think the last time I was at the Avery Auto
18 Salvage business would have been 1999.

19 Q. All right. So at least six years previously?

20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. But you knew where it was?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. Then, on November 3rd, after Mr. Wiegert asked
24 for your help; did you proceed to this scene?

25 A. Yes, sir.

1 Q. And that's 2005; is that right?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. Can you tell the jury, please, what happened when
4 you got there on November 3rd?

5 A. Again, I knew that Earl Avery, who was probably
6 the person that I have had the most contact with
7 or know the best, doesn't live on the Avery Auto
8 Salvage property, so my initial -- what I was
9 initially trying to do was to make contact with
10 Charles Avery, who does reside on there.

11 I knew Charles to -- I didn't know if he
12 owned the business, but I certainly knew that he
13 managed the business. So I was going to make
14 contact with him and ask him if he had seen
15 someone on the property taking pictures of a
16 vehicle that was for sale.

17 Q. In looking for Charles Avery, do you remember
18 what building you went to?

19 A. Well, initially, I was kind of surprised when I
20 drove in, because the shop area, a lot of --
21 there were new buildings and things had changed
22 since the last time I was there. But I was
23 attempting to make contact at his residence,
24 which I believe is right behind that large,
25 square shaped building.

1 Q. We're handing you a laser pointer to assist you
2 in your --
3 A. I believe that --
4 Q. -- testimony.
5 A. I thought that was his residence right there.
6 Q. And you were pointing actually to the residence
7 which would be just the south of the --
8 A. That one right there.
9 Q. You have to wait until I finish my question, sir.
10 You are pointing to a trailer or a residence just
11 south of the Avery business itself. And I think
12 counsel is willing to stipulate that is Charles
13 Avery's residence.
14 ATTORNEY STRANG: Certainly my
15 understanding.
16 THE COURT: All right. The record will
17 reflect the stipulation.
18 Q. (By Attorney Kratz)~ Did you drive or walk into
19 this property?
20 A. I drove.
21 Q. Can you tell the jury where you came in from,
22 please.
23 A. There is -- To my knowledge there is only one
24 entrance onto the property and that's off Avery
25 Road, which the whole of Avery Road isn't

1 pictured on that picture. But I ended up coming
2 down that dirt road there and parking almost
3 where there is a vehicle parked right now.

4 Q. Why don't you show us where you parked. If I
5 zoomed into that location would that help us?
6 All right. We have now zoomed in to Exhibit 86,
7 could you, again, show the jury about where it
8 was that you parked.

9 You are pointing which would be just to
10 the north of the large building, which is
11 something we have been calling the new office or
12 the new shop building; is that correct?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. All right. After parking at that location, tell
15 the jury what happened. By the way, about what
16 time was this that you got there?

17 A. I'm guessing around 7:00, between 6:30 and 7:30.

18 Q. Was it light out or was it dark?

19 A. It was dark.

20 Q. After parking there, Sergeant Colborn, what
21 happened?

22 A. I got -- I exited my squad car and I was going to
23 walk down the road, that road right there, in
24 order to access Charles' residence. Almost as
25 soon as I got out of my car I heard something

1 behind me. I turned and Steve Avery was walking
2 towards me and he had come out of that residence
3 right there.

4 Q. Do you know whose residence that is?

5 A. I believe that's Al and Delores Avery's
6 residence.

7 Q. Did you have any conversation with Steven Avery
8 at that time?

9 A. Yes, I did.

10 Q. And could you describe that conversation for the
11 jury, please?

12 A. I think Steve initiated the conversation with me
13 by asking me what I wanted, what I was doing
14 there.

15 Q. Were you dressed similar to what you are dressed
16 today?

17 A. Yes, I was in uniform.

18 Q. Did you have a marked squad car?

19 A. Yes, I did.

20 Q. What did you tell Mr. Avery?

21 A. I told Avery -- Mr. Avery, that there was -- I
22 had received a call from Calumet County and that
23 they had informed me that there was a girl
24 missing from Calumet County and asked him if she
25 had come out to their property to photograph a

1 vehicle that they were selling.

2 Q. Did Mr. Avery have a response for you?

3 A. Yes, he said that she had been there.

4 Q. Did he tell you what day she had been there?

5 A. I think I might have told him that, what day that

6 she should have been out there. I don't recall

7 if we mentioned a date, but I do remember asking

8 him what time she had been out there.

9 Q. Did Mr. Avery recall this young woman?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Did he name her for you?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Did he tell you what she had done at his property

14 that day?

15 A. He said that she was taking some pictures of a

16 van that his sister was selling.

17 Q. Mr. Avery tell you how long the woman had been on

18 his property?

19 A. He said 5 or 10 minutes.

20 Q. Did you inquire of Mr. Avery whether or not he

21 had personal contact with this woman on the date

22 she was out there?

23 A. I asked Mr. Avery if she had said where she was

24 going. And he said, I never talked to her. She

25 was only here 5 or 10 minutes and she left.

1 Q. But he never talked to her?

2 A. That's what he told me, he never talked to her.

3 Q. Did he describe that further, how he knew she was

4 there?

5 A. He said he saw her out the window taking the

6 pictures.

7 Q. Okay. Did you complete that conversation with

8 Steven Avery? Do you recall that conversation?

9 A. I told Mr. Avery that her parents and her family

10 were getting worried and was he sure that she

11 didn't mention where she might have been going

12 after she left. And he said, no, I didn't talk

13 to her. She was only here a few minutes and then

14 she left.

15 Q. What was Mr. Avery's demeanor like as he was

16 talking to you; was he cooperative?

17 A. Yes, he was very cordial.

18 Q. Mr. Avery indicate to you the time, that is, when

19 this young woman had been on his property?

20 A. He said he thought between 2:00 or 2:30.

21 Q. What did you do then?

22 A. I believe I thanked him for talking with me and I

23 started to get back in my car. And I believe

24 Mr. Avery told me that he hoped she turned up

25 soon.

1 Q. What did you do then?

2 A. I left. I left the property and I contacted --
3 he is the under sheriff of our department now,
4 but at the time he was the deputy inspector of
5 the operations division. I called him.

6 Q. What's his name?

7 A. Greg Schetter. And I let him know that Calumet
8 County was investigating a missing persons case
9 and that one of the places that it had been
10 mentioned that this party was at was on -- at the
11 Avery Salvage Yard and I just left there and made
12 contact and that I was unable to locate that
13 person. And he suggested that I probably contact
14 Lieutenant Lenk and see if he wanted -- if
15 Lieutenant Lenk wanted any of our detectives to
16 assist Calumet County in searching any place
17 else.

18 Q. Did you do that?

19 A. Yes, I did.

20 Q. And did you speak with Lieutenant Lenk that
21 evening?

22 A. Yes, by phone. And then when I got into the
23 department, because prior to going into the
24 department I went past the other residence. I
25 must have also contacted Investigator Wiegert and

1 let him know that I hadn't located.

2 And he, I believe, at that time told me
3 of the other address. So I purposely drove past
4 that residence. I saw it was dark, but that
5 there were cars in the driveway. But the
6 residence was dark. I didn't see any lights on
7 there. So I ended my tour of duty for patrol.

8 Q. Let me just stop you. Whose residence was this
9 that you drove past?

10 A. George Zipperer's.

11 Q. Go ahead. What did you do?

12 A. I ended my patrol tour of duty, but I remained on
13 duty to assist Calumet County Detective Dederling
14 and Detective Remiker in making contact at George
15 Zipperer's residence.

16 Q. Was that done at that time?

17 A. It was done, you know, within probably a half
18 hour or 45 minutes of my getting back to the
19 department.

20 Q. The question, Sergeant Colborn, did you assist in
21 that process?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. You mentioned that there was a Calumet detective
24 that was involved, as well as Manitowoc; is that
25 right?

1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. In meeting with the Zipperers?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. And, again, do you remember who they were?

5 A. I believe his name is John Dederling.

6 Q. All right. When you -- I'm just going to go back

7 just briefly to your contact with Mr. Avery. You

8 mentioned that he was cooperative; is that right?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. I want you to remember back, as best you can,

11 Sergeant Colborn, at that initial meeting with

12 Mr. Avery, you, Sergeant Andy Colborn, did you

13 have any feelings or any inclination that

14 Mr. Avery may have been involved in Ms Halbach's

15 disappearance?

16 A. Not at that time, no.

17 Q. Did you do anything on the 3rd of November to

18 further investigate Mr. Avery?

19 A. On November 3rd?

20 Q. Yes.

21 A. No, sir.

22 Q. Did you ever go back onto his property on the

23 3rd?

24 A. No, sir.

25 Q. After going to the Zipperers with Detective -- I

1 think it was Remiker and Dederling, what did you
2 do after that?

3 A. After we were done, completed at the Zipperers?

4 Q. Yes.

5 A. I went home. I was done with -- you know, I was
6 already on overtime. I checked out and went
7 home.

8 Q. Do you know about what time that was?

9 A. 10:30, 11:00 at night, maybe.

10 Q. All right. Do you remember what you did the rest
11 of that evening?

12 A. Just probably fell asleep on the couch. I went
13 to bed and, you know, fell asleep.

14 Q. The next day, on the forth of November, were you
15 working that day?

16 A. No, sir, I was off that day.

17 Q. It's a Friday; is that right?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. Do you remember what you did on the 4th? We'll
20 get back to that, but do you recall, generally,
21 your day on the 4th of November?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. Move your attention one day further, on the 5th,
24 Saturday, the 5th of November; do you recall what
25 you were doing that day or that morning?

1 A. That was also a regularly scheduled day off for
2 me. Yes, I recall what I did on that day.

3 Q. We'll get into the morning, but let me just jump
4 right to this investigation. Were you contacted
5 at all by any supervisors or superiors that day
6 and asked to participate in this case?

7 A. I was contacted by the noon to 8 shift commander
8 for that day, and he did ask me to come into work
9 and pick up a patrol vehicle and respond out to
10 the Avery Salvage Yard.

11 Q. Did you do that?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. In a marked vehicle?

14 A. Yes, I did take a marked vehicle out there.

15 Q. And about what time was it that you arrived at
16 the Avery scene itself; do you recall?

17 A. I know I left my house between 4:00 and 4:30. I
18 probably got out to the Avery Salvage Yard
19 between 5:15, 5:30 maybe.

20 Q. To your best recollection?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. What happened when you got to the Avery salvage
23 business?

24 A. I made contact with the same supervisor who had
25 called me and I asked him, what do you want me to

1 do. And he informed me that there was a deputy
2 there that had some personal business or matters
3 to attend to. She had been out there since
4 apparently earlier in the day. And he asked me
5 to transport that deputy back to the department
6 so that she could get her own private vehicle and
7 go home. And then come back out to the Avery
8 Salvage Yard and provide security.

9 Q. Did you do that?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. What did you do when you got back to the Avery
12 business?

13 A. Tried to stay in the car as much as possible
14 because it was pouring rain. But they directed
15 my attention to a place way off in the salvage
16 yard where I could see some lights. And
17 somewhere up in this area here they just told me
18 to sit in the car and not let anyone go down any
19 of these roads.

20 Q. Providing scene security up near what would be
21 the business buildings?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Did you do that?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. How long did you have that responsibility.

1 A. Maybe like an hour, hour and a half. And I was
2 then told that, actually, I could go home. So I
3 was preparing to do that. I was checking all my
4 equipment to make sure I had everything that I
5 got out there -- came out there with. And then I
6 was told that I was going to be needed in a
7 different capacity and not to go home.

8 Q. All right. Let me ask you this, Sergeant
9 Colborn, any time that day, any time on the 5th
10 of November, did you ever make your way down
11 towards the pond, or down towards the southeast
12 quadrant of the Avery salvage property?

13 A. No, sir.

14 Q. Could you point to that area for us, with the
15 laser pointer. Point to the northeast corner of
16 the property. I'll specifically ask you about
17 that area, did you go near that area at all on
18 the 5th of November?

19 A. No, sir.

20 Q. How about on the 3rd when you were there 2 days
21 earlier, talking to Steven Avery?

22 A. No, sir.

23 Q. And were you down there at all on the 4th of
24 November?

25 A. No, sir.

1 Q. When initially being told that you could leave,
2 or that you were in effect packing up to leave,
3 who was it that approached you with other duties?
4 A. Detective Remiker.
5 Q. Do you know what you were being asked to do then?
6 A. He just said, you may want to check in with
7 Inspector Wiegert -- Detective Wiegert, before
8 you go home, because you can see the huge area
9 here, it's going to have to be checked, and we
10 don't have a lot of people here to do that.
11 Q. Do you know how many sworn law enforcement
12 officers were on scene at that time, or is that
13 something that you wouldn't even have a guess on?
14 A. No, I didn't take a head count. I don't know. I
15 would ball park it at 50 or less, but I don't
16 know.
17 Q. All right. Now, 50 sounds like a lot of police
18 officers; do you think that's a lot for that size
19 scene?
20 ATTORNEY STRANG: Irrelevant.
21 THE COURT: Sustained.
22 Q. (By Attorney Kratz)~ Did you check in with
23 Investigator Wiegert before you left?
24 A. Yes.
25 Q. And can you tell the jury, please, what -- what

1 that conversation was?

2 A. I believe he asked me if I was an evidence
3 technician and I said, yes, I am. And --

4 Q. Let me stop you there. What all goes into being
5 an evidence technician?

6 A. It's an investigative portion, it's an
7 investigative duty some police officers are
8 trained to do and some who may not be interested
9 in that are not. Not every police officer is an
10 evidence technician. You do get special training
11 on how to do photographing, how to identify
12 evidence, how to collect evidence without
13 destroying it.

14 Q. All right. And you had been through that
15 training?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. With Manitowoc County, that is, with the
18 sheriff's department, had you performed evidence
19 collection duties prior to November 5th of 2005?

20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. How long had you been an evidence tech?

22 A. Since 1997.

23 Q. Have you ever executed a search warrant or
24 collected evidence in that capacity before?

25 A. Yes, sir.

1 Q. After Investigator Wiegert asked you if you were
2 an evidence tech, what were you told to do?
3 A. I was just told to stand by, not to go home. So
4 I went back out to my patrol car.
5 Q. And, again, where was that parked, if you can
6 show us?
7 A. I may, you know, have moved it closer to the
8 Command Post, but initially I was parked right in
9 this area here.
10 Q. Again, near the business buildings?
11 A. Yes, sir.
12 Q. How long did you wait for further assignment?
13 A. Maybe 5, 10 minutes.
14 Q. Now, Sergeant Colborn, did you know what
15 assignment you were going to be given; in other
16 words, did you know where you were going to be
17 directed that night?
18 A. No, sir.
19 Q. What's the next direction that you recall
20 receiving?
21 A. I believe the next person I made contact with was
22 Sergeant Bill Tyson from the Calumet County
23 Sheriff's Department. And he was with Lieutenant
24 Lenk and Detective Remiker. I believe he came
25 out of the Command Post. They kind of motioned

1 to me. So walked up to them and Sergeant Tyson
2 said, you are going to be working for me and we
3 are going to be going to Steve Avery's trailer.

4 Q. What did working for me mean, or what do you
5 believe it meant?

6 A. Well, I had been told by this time that the
7 Calumet County Sheriff's Department was leading
8 up this investigation. So I interpreted working
9 for me as, you are the boss and you are going to
10 tell me what to do.

11 Q. Okay. Were you okay with that?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Did you then proceed with Deputy Tyson to the
14 Steven Avery trailer?

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. Do you remember how you got there, how you got
17 down there?

18 A. I believe we took two cars. I believe Sergeant
19 Tyson took his Calumet County patrol car and we
20 probably -- I don't think we took my marked unit,
21 I think I got in Detective Remiker's car, or
22 Lieutenant Lenk's car, whichever. It was an
23 unmarked Manitowoc County car.

24 Q. All right. Tell us again, if you can look at
25 Exhibit 86, now where did you drive, where did

1 you guys go then?

2 A. I had never been to Steve Avery's trailer before
3 so I really didn't know where it was. But we
4 drove down this road to that trailer right there.

5 Q. I will zoom in again on Exhibit 86; do you recall
6 where the cars were parked?

7 A. I believe we parked them in this driveway here
8 that goes up to that garage.

9 Q. Do you recall that particular search that
10 evening?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. How is it that you have a independent memory of
13 that first search of Steven Avery's trailer?

14 A. Because I was involved in it.

15 Q. Okay. Did each of the search team members have a
16 specific responsibility within that trailer, if
17 you know?

18 A. Not really. I did have the specific
19 responsibility of photographing. But as far as
20 collecting, I mean, we all worked as a team. It
21 wasn't like one person went here and one person
22 went there. We were always -- worked together as
23 a team, always within arm's length of one
24 another.

25 Q. Was that by design, do you know?

1 A. I don't know if it was by design, per se, but it
2 just seemed that this would be the best way for
3 things to work and that we could be the most
4 careful and concise, working together as a team.

5 Q. All right. Let me ask you, Sergeant Colborn, did
6 you know the kinds of things that you were
7 looking for in Steven Avery's trailer?

8 A. Not specific -- specifically, no.

9 Q. Was there generally a term of things that you
10 were looking for?

11 A. I was looking for any evidence that would
12 substantiate or eliminate her having been there.

13 Q. Who's her?

14 A. Teresa Halbach.

15 Q. What rooms were it that the four of you searched?

16 A. I believe that first night we did search the
17 entire trailer. We started in what I term to be
18 the master bedroom or the largest bedroom.

19 Q. All right. We have already heard from Sergeant
20 Tyson so what responsibilities -- I'm just
21 talking about you now, not the others -- but what
22 responsibilities did you have in the search of
23 that bedroom?

24 A. Again, initially, I did all the photographing
25 that night with a 35mm camera. And then I was

1 looking in -- there was a bookcase type piece of
2 furniture next to the bed and a desk next to
3 that.

4 And while I say it's the larger bedroom,
5 it's still kind of a small bedroom so those
6 pieces of furniture were almost tight together.
7 And there was very little distance between the
8 bed and those pieces of furniture, I mean, maybe
9 2 foot. And that's the area that I was
10 specifically searching --

11 Q. How many --

12 A. -- in that bedroom.

13 Q. I'm sorry. How many men were in that bedroom?

14 A. There was myself, Detective Remiker, Lieutenant
15 Lenk and Sergeant Tyson.

16 Q. I'm going to put on the screen an exhibit which
17 has already been received; it's Exhibit 103.
18 It's a computer generated exhibit. Zoom in,
19 specifically, into the bedroom; does that help
20 you better orient yourself to Steven Avery's
21 bedroom?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Take the laser pointer, please, and tell the
24 jurors in what area you had initial
25 responsibility to search on the 5th of November.

1 A. This cabinet right here, I guess we could call
2 that a bookcase, and this desk right here.

3 Q. All right. And did you -- Let's talk about the
4 cabinet first. Mr. Wiegert is going to hand you
5 what's been marked as Exhibit No. 203 and on 204,
6 ask if you found those items in Mr. Avery's
7 bedroom on the 5th of November?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. Tell the jury where you found them, please.

10 A. That's a shelf right there, there's a little
11 space between that shelf and the top of the
12 cabinet. I found them inside there, inside that
13 area.

14 Q. Now, after finding or locating a piece of
15 physical evidence during this search, that is, on
16 the 5th, what did you do with that evidence?

17 A. As soon as I located something that, in my
18 opinion, was of evidence, which doesn't
19 necessarily make it evidence, but if it was, in
20 my opinion, to be of evidentiary value, I stopped
21 what I was doing. I informed Sergeant Tyson,
22 hey, I found some leg irons and handcuffs in
23 here.

24 Then Sergeant Tyson would come over. I
25 would photograph them, then he collected them and

1 put them -- you know, went through the
2 administrative duties that the Calumet County
3 Sheriff's Department requires for logging
4 evidence.

5 Q. The actual seizure, or the collection of them,
6 was whose responsibility?

7 A. Calumet County's.

8 Q. Sergeant Tyson?

9 A. Well, on that evening, yes, Sergeant Tyson,
10 sorry.

11 Q. When you look at Exhibit 103, this computer
12 generated diagram, other than the roof being
13 ripped off, for obvious reasons, does that look
14 the same or similar as it did on the 5th of
15 November?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. You see on the wall above the bed, the headboard,
18 there is a gun rack; do you see that?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Is that how it looked on the 5th of November as
21 well?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Did you see any firearms on that gun rack that
24 aft -- that evening?

25 A. There were two firearms on that gun rack, just

1 pretty much like it is in the picture.

2 Q. Were you able, Sergeant Colborn, to identify

3 those guns, or at least what kind of guns they

4 were?

5 A. I know as soon as we walked into the room we

6 noticed the guns right away. I probably stood

7 right about here and I could see that one of the

8 guns, I believe it's this lower one, was a

9 muzzleloader, and it had a piece of masking tape

10 on the stock that said Steve.

11 Q. What about the gun on top; is that a long gun as

12 well?

13 A. It's a .22 caliber rifle.

14 Q. Now, let me ask you, to the best of your

15 recollection, Sergeant Colborn, were those guns,

16 were those firearms seized from Mr. Avery's

17 bedroom on the 5th of November?

18 A. I don't think we did take them on the 5th of

19 November, no.

20 Q. So the jury understands, at that time, that is,

21 that first day, that first night that you guys --

22 you guys meaning the law enforcement -- got

23 there, had Teresa Halbach's body or any of her

24 remains been located?

25 A. No, sir.

1 Q. Did you even know that you were dealing with a
2 crime at that time?

3 A. I -- Initially, we were still treating this more
4 or less as a missing person.

5 Q. All right. But you were looking for items that
6 had obvious evidentiary value; is that right?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. What were some of the other rooms that -- or let
9 me just -- let me just make this clear, while in
10 that room, while in that bedroom searching, did
11 you notice any -- anything on the floor;
12 specifically, did you notice any car key on the
13 floor?

14 A. No, sir.

15 Q. In looking at, or on top of, either the desk or
16 the bookcase, did you notice any car key or
17 something that may have had obvious evidentiary
18 value in that regard?

19 A. Not really, no.

20 Q. Okay. What other rooms were searched that night?

21 A. I believe we searched every -- every room in the
22 trailer that evening.

23 Q. Try to get to a overview here. This has been
24 received as Exhibit No. 102, does this appear to
25 be an overview of the Avery trailer, again, a

1 computer generated diagram?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. Lists both bedrooms, the bathroom, living room,
4 dining room and kitchen area; is that right?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. Each of those rooms searched that evening?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. You said you were taking 35mm photography in that
9 trailer; is that correct?

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. Were there other photographs also being taken?

12 A. I believe Detective Remiker had brought a small
13 digital camera in as well and he was taking some
14 digital photos as well.

15 Q. I show you a photo that's been received as
16 evidence. This is Exhibit No. 163 and ask if you
17 recognize this particular photo.

18 A. That's a photograph of the master bedroom area I
19 was just talking about in Steve Avery's trailer.

20 Q. Is that how it looked on the 5th of November?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. Exhibit No. 175, again, which has been received,
23 could you tell us what this is, if you know.

24 A. That's in the living room area of that same
25 trailer, the same residence. And this is like a

1 corner of the living room that was set up as a
2 computer work area.

3 Q. Was that an area that you and your colleagues
4 searched that evening?

5 A. Detective Remiker was the primary officer that
6 looked at that area, but he did call me over a
7 couple times to have me take pictures of items
8 that he had found.

9 Q. You can't fit four grown men into that --

10 A. No, sir.

11 Q. -- corner; is that right? After the search was
12 completed, or when the search was wrapping up,
13 could you tell us how that search ended, how that
14 effort ended?

15 A. The items that we had decided were of evidentiary
16 value that night were placed in Sergeant Tyson's
17 patrol vehicle and he stayed with the evidence.
18 We all went back to the Command Post. And not
19 exactly sure which Calumet County officer told us
20 what time to be there the next day, but we were
21 instructed to return the next day; myself,
22 Lieutenant Lenk, and Detective Remiker. And we
23 all left at the same time.

24 Q. After leaving the residence on the 5th, can you
25 tell the jury where you went, please.

1 A. I would have gone back to the Manitowoc County
2 Sheriff's Department, which is in the city of
3 Manitowoc and to get my personal vehicle, so I
4 could go home.

5 Q. Do you know about what time you cleared the
6 scene; in other words, about what time you left,
7 if you remember?

8 A. I'm sorry, I don't. I know it was late, that's
9 all.

10 Q. The next day, that is, on the 6th of November,
11 were you asked to come back to the scene?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. And what were you asked to do on the 6th?

14 A. On the 6th, when I came out there, again, with
15 Detective Remiker and Lieutenant Lenk and I
16 believe just -- this time just Lieutenant Lenk
17 went into the Command Post to make contact with
18 who we would be working with with Cal County that
19 day.

20 And Detective Remiker and I just kind of
21 waited until he came back out. And we were
22 introduced to Deputy Kucharski. And then Deputy
23 Kucharski informed us what our assignment would
24 be for that day.

25 Q. Okay. Prior to arriving on the scene, once

1 again, did you know what your assignment was
2 going to be?

3 A. No, I had no idea.

4 Q. Was an evidence collection team formed or
5 developed that morning, on the 6th?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. Do you remember who was involved in that team?

8 A. It was myself, Lieutenant Lenk, Detective
9 Remiker, and Deputy Kucharski, who's a employee
10 of the Calumet County Sheriff's Department.

11 Q. Once again, was it determined who would be in
12 charge of that group of search individuals?

13 A. After the first day, we didn't, you know -- I
14 didn't need to be told who was in charge, I knew.
15 But Deputy Kucharski told me that he would be
16 responsible for collecting and maintaining
17 security on any evidence that was located that
18 day.

19 Q. All right. What areas, then, of search were you
20 involved with, if any, on the 6th of November?

21 A. Initially, we started at the garage, at Steve
22 Avery's residence.

23 Q. Tell me about this garage, please?

24 A. It's a wooden, frame structure, maybe like a car
25 and a half garage. Not -- Not attached to the

1 residence. It had a vehicle parked out in front
2 of it, a black Ford pickup truck.

3 Q. I show you what's been received in evidence as
4 Exhibit No. 38, can you tell us what we're
5 looking at here, please.

6 A. That's Steve Avery's residence. That's his
7 garage. That's his pickup truck.

8 Q. All right. And that garage was searched; is that
9 right?

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. Who was that searched by?

12 A. The aforementioned team; myself, Lieutenant Lenk,
13 Detective Remiker, and Deputy Kucharski.

14 Q. Do you remember the interior of that garage on
15 the 5th of November?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. Can you briefly describe that for the jury?

18 A. There was a smaller sport utility vehicle parked
19 in one half of the garage. It was a Suzuki
20 Samurai. There was a snowmobile also parked in
21 there, a Skidoo snowmobile. And there were some
22 other benches and tools that kind of went all the
23 way around the garage. There wasn't a lot of
24 room in there, with all the other apparatus that
25 was in there.

1 Q. In this case, already, and I think the defense
2 had asked and has been admitted, Exhibit No. 119,
3 ask you to take a look at Exhibit No. 119. Tell
4 us what we're looking at here.

5 A. That would be the interior of Steve Avery's
6 garage.

7 Q. Fair to say there's a lot of stuff in there?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. What kind of search was performed of that garage?

10 A. Well, the same type of, you know, search that we
11 had performed the night before in his residence.
12 We were looking for anything that would lead us
13 to believe that there was a missing person in
14 there.

15 Q. Each of the items that we see, and we can even
16 zoom into some of these things, was each and
17 every one of those items removed from the garage
18 and thoroughly searched, or searched under each
19 and every one of these items?

20 A. No. No, sir.

21 Q. Wasn't that kind of search?

22 A. No.

23 Q. In a very broad way, that is, in a overview
24 fashion, because we're going to hear from Deputy
25 Kucharski, but in a very broad sense, can you

1 tell us the kinds of things that were recovered
2 or viewed while you were in that garage?

3 A. Almost as soon as we stepped in the garage I
4 noticed, as did everyone else, that there were
5 several spent shell casings lying on the floor of
6 the garage.

7 Q. What's a shell casing?

8 A. It's the brass portion of a bullet. After the
9 bullet has been expended or fired, the casing is
10 usually ejected through from the firearm and
11 lands in close proximity to the shooter, usually
12 on the ground.

13 Q. Let me ask you this, Sergeant Colborn, are you
14 familiar with shell casings for different kinds
15 of, or different calibers of firearms?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. By visual inspection, that is, without picking
18 them up or without even taking a look at those
19 shell casings, were you able to determine what
20 caliber weapon was used to fire those bullets?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. How were you are able to determine that?

23 A. The shell casings that were laying on the ground
24 were small, for one. They were brass and they
25 didn't have a center primer. They had been fired

1 on the corner of the bottom of the casing; in
2 other words, the rim of the casing. And a
3 .22 caliber weapon is one of the only weapons
4 that is a rim fire weapon. Most weapons have a
5 primer in the center of the bullet. This does
6 not; it's fired off the rim.

7 Q. How many, what you believed were .22 caliber
8 shell casings, were readily apparent or viewable
9 to the naked eye as you entered that garage?

10 A. There were quite a few, 12 maybe, 12 plus.

11 Q. Do you know for sure?

12 A. No, sir, I don't.

13 Q. During the course of that search, were the shell
14 casings that were at least out in plain view
15 seized by Deputy Kucharski?

16 A. Yes, we photographed them first, where they were
17 lying. Initially, Deputy Kucharski and I were
18 both doing photographs, but then we thought
19 perhaps that was a bit redundant. So I just
20 let -- Deputy Kucharski felt more than
21 comfortable taking the photographs so I just
22 stopped taking pictures and assisted with
23 locating.

24 Q. About how long did the search of this garage
25 take?

1 A. One hour, one and a half hours.

2 Q. Looking at the stuff, I will call it junk; I
3 don't know if I will get an objection about that,
4 but probably not. Looking at the junk that we
5 see here, in a one hour search, were you able to
6 thoroughly search this garage?

7 A. No. I mean, if we were looking for something
8 minute, you could spend easily an hour just in
9 this area right here.

10 Q. All right. Were you given other search
11 assignments that day?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. Can you tell us where you were next assigned to
14 search?

15 A. I believe the next assignment, I believe, was the
16 Ford pickup truck that was parked right in front
17 of the garage.

18 Q. And that was Steve's black truck that we had seen
19 before?

20 A. I do have to mention, there were several times,
21 and I believe this was one of them, where we
22 would be searching a specific area, somebody from
23 Cal County would come and say, I need your
24 assistance doing this. So we would stop what we
25 were doing and assist them with another project

1 and then go back. So I believe before we started
2 searching that Ford pickup truck, I was asked to
3 photograph some burning barrels and assist in
4 loading them up into a covered trailer.

5 Q. All right. Did you do that?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. Just as long as we have this picture up, first,
8 we're going to go back to Exhibit 38; was that
9 the truck that you assisted in searching?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Now, you talked about some burn barrels, where
12 were these located?

13 A. Behind or to the side of Steve's garage. There
14 was three or four of them.

15 Q. Did you know whose burn barrels those were?

16 A. No, I didn't.

17 Q. You said that there were others that were
18 assisting in the recovery of those; do you know
19 who those other individuals were?

20 A. I didn't know, you know, everyone's name from the
21 Calumet County Sheriff's Department, or the
22 Department of Criminal Investigations that was
23 working there. I just recognized that some of
24 the officers were not at all connected with
25 Manitowoc County, but they were uniformed. And I

1 saw Calumet County, you know, Sheriff's
2 Department patches on their uniforms, but I do
3 not know them by name.

4 Q. There were some Manitowoc officers also involved?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Those burn barrels, I think a picture of them has
7 been received as Exhibit 52, I'm going to show
8 you that picture; do you recognize that?

9 A. Yes, I took that picture.

10 Q. Who is that we see in the picture?

11 A. That's Detective Dave Remiker from the Manitowoc
12 Sheriff's Department.

13 Q. These are the four burn barrels that you assisted
14 in recovering and loading; is that right?

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. Looks like it's raining here again; is that
17 right?

18 A. Yes. I wanted to get a picture to show that we
19 were trying our best to protect the contents of
20 the barrel; that's the reason that tarp is on
21 there.

22 Q. After those barrels were loaded, did you proceed
23 to complete the search of Steve's black truck?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. All right. After that effort, what did you do

1 then?

2 A. Again, this is going to be one of those times
3 that I was pulled away for another project. We
4 were almost completed with the search of Steve's
5 truck when I was -- again, another Calumet County
6 supervisor told me -- or asked me where the
7 Maribel Caves Park was. And I said, you know, I
8 described where it was, but not being from
9 Manitowoc County, he didn't really know where it
10 was. And he said, well, some searchers have
11 found some things at the Maribel Caves Park, can
12 you go out there; see what they have, if you
13 think it's evidence, pick it up. So myself and
14 Detective Remiker went out to Maribel Caves Park
15 where we made contact with a civilian search
16 party. And they showed us some things that they
17 had found and we ended up bagging them up and
18 turning them over to the Calumet County Sheriff's
19 Department.

20 Q. What did do you then?

21 A. When I got back, then, I believe, the search of
22 Steve's truck, I think, had been completed then.
23 You know, in my absence, Deputy Kucharski had
24 completed the search and then I would have to
25 take a look at his report to see what our next

1 assignment was. I believe we were sent to Chuck
2 Avery's residence -- no, either Chuck's or
3 Steve's sister. And I'm not positive which one
4 was next.

5 Q. Who's Steve's sister?

6 A. Her first name is Barb. I believe at that time
7 her last name was Janda.

8 Q. All right. Did you assist in the search of Barb
9 Janda's trailer?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And we're going to hear from Detective Remiker
12 later, but do you recall being present when a
13 telephone answering machine was located.

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. This has been received as Exhibit No. 55, can you
16 tell us what we're looking at, please.

17 A. I believe that's the answering machine that was
18 in Barb Janda's residence.

19 Q. Who else was present when this answering machine
20 was investigated or searched?

21 A. It was the same search team that had gone into
22 Steve Avery's garage; Lieutenant Lenk, myself,
23 Detective Remiker, and Deputy Kucharski.

24 Q. Were the messages on this machine examined?

25 A. When we -- When we found the answering machine, I

1 saw that there were messages on there. I said,
2 let's unplug it and take the answering machine.
3 And, of course, the conversation between all of
4 us, we said, well, what if somehow in the
5 unplugging process we lose the messages. So,
6 yes, we hit the play button and listened to the
7 messages and Detective Remiker recorded the
8 messages as they were being played.

9 Q. Did you have occasion that day to reenter Steven
10 Avery's trailer?

11 A. I believe that was the day that I was asked to --
12 our whole team was asked to go back into Steve's
13 trailer and obtain serial number -- I think that
14 was the day -- that we were asked to obtain a
15 serial number off Steve's computer, the tower
16 portion of his computer.

17 Q. Are you sure about that, or are you guessing?

18 A. I'm not positive if that was the day or not. I
19 know that was one of the assignments that I
20 completed. I thought it was that day, but I'm
21 not positive. I do know, also, that that day we
22 had to go back into Steve Avery's trailer and
23 collect his weapons.

24 Q. Can you, again, describe those weapons.

25 A. He had a, like a two place or gun rack over his

1 bed. There were two weapons on the gun rack; one
2 was a .22 caliber rifle, and the other was a --
3 if I remember correctly -- was a .50 caliber
4 muzzleloader.

5 Q. We're going to have these marked, actually.

6 ATTORNEY KRATZ: Mr. Fallon, if you could
7 have them marked.

8 ATTORNEY FALLON: They're marked.

9 ATTORNEY KRATZ: Oh, I'm sorry.

10 Q. (By Attorney Kratz)~ Do you see a picture of the
11 .22 caliber rifle?

12 A. Yes, sir.

13 Q. And what exhibit number is that?

14 A. It is Exhibit 164.

15 Q. See if I can find that here. Do you recognize
16 Exhibit No. 164?

17 A. Yes, it's a .22 caliber rifle that we located in
18 Steve Avery's bedroom.

19 Q. I have put up a photograph of Exhibit No. 164;
20 again, does that .22 caliber rifle look the same
21 or similar as it did when it was seized on the
22 6th of November?

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. Did you, by the way, that day, on the 6th, have
25 occasion to, at all, inspect or further inspect,

1 that rifle?

2 A. When we collected the rifle, in order to manage
3 an evidence room, we first needed to make sure
4 that the weapon wasn't loaded. So I did pull the
5 action back to see if it was going to eject a
6 round. And I believe I pulled the tube out,
7 which is under the barrel there.

8 Q. Why don't you show you us with the laser pointer.

9 A. That portion of the weapon is the magazine. To
10 load it, you pull a tube out, I believe, an
11 insert rounds through that notch right there.

12 This is the action of the magazine; it's
13 a semi-automatic weapon. So I pulled this action
14 back to see if there was a round inside the
15 barrel. And I believe the safety is right there
16 on the weapon and I would have checked to make
17 sure that the safety was on, because if someone
18 handling the weapon, obviously, if it was loaded
19 with the safety off, it could fire.

20 Q. Sure. Are you familiar with a semi-automatic
21 rifle such as Exhibit No. 164?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. Now, a tube loaded or a tube fed magazine, for
24 those on the jury that aren't gun enthusiasts,
25 can you tell us just -- just generally how that

1 works?

2 A. This portion of the weapon right here is where
3 it's loaded. At the very end here, you can twist
4 a knob and you pull out like a plastic plunger
5 and you load -- you would have to turn the weapon
6 almost upside down. But if you can see that,
7 there's a little notch there, that's where you
8 put the rounds in and then you just slide this
9 tube back in until it locks.

10 And if it doesn't lock, you put too many
11 rounds in. You have to get it so that that
12 locks. As you fire the weapon, there's a spring
13 on there and it just keeps pushing the rounds
14 back to the chamber.

15 Q. After a .22, you mentioned a rim fire bullets,
16 but after the shell casings are ejected, where do
17 they come out of?

18 A. Out of that area right there, that silver area.

19 Q. And with a semi-automatic weapon, do you have to
20 reload it, or cock it, or do anything that any --
21 any action like that that we might hear with
22 other weapons?

23 A. No, sir. A semi-automatic weapon will continue
24 to fire as fast as you can pull the trigger. You
25 must release the trigger to its sear each time,

1 but it will continue to fire as fast as you can
2 pull the trigger, until all the shells are
3 expended.

4 Q. By the way, Sergeant Colborn, I don't know if you
5 know this, but do you know what kind of weapon
6 this is; what brand name weapon?

7 A. I know when we catalogued the weapon, when we
8 took it, and when Deputy Kucharski took it in as
9 evidence, I read the manufacturer name to him,
10 but I don't recall who manufactured that weapon.

11 Q. That's fine. Thank you. You said there was a
12 second weapon that was seized; is that right?

13 A. Yes, sir. You gave me a photograph that's marked
14 Exhibit 165.

15 Q. Why don't you tell us what that is?

16 A. That's a muzzleloading weapon, similar to like a
17 musket from the Revolutionary War or frontier
18 period. It's called muzzleloading because that's
19 where you load it, through the muzzle.

20 Q. Where were these items seized from?

21 A. Steve Avery's bedroom, on a gun rack that was
22 hanging above his bed.

23 Q. Is there anything else that was seized from
24 Mr. Avery's trailer that day, that is, on the 6th
25 of November, that you can recall?

1 A. Not that I recall, no, sir.

2 Q. Any other buildings that you were asked to search
3 that day?

4 A. Not that I specifically recall, no.

5 Q. All right.

6 ATTORNEY KRATZ: Judge, before going into
7 the next day's search for the 7th, this might be a
8 good time for a lunch break.

9 THE COURT: All right. The Court agrees.
10 Members of the jury, we're going to take our lunch
11 break at this time. Again, do not discuss the case
12 in any fashion and during the break and we'll resume
13 at 1:00.

14 (Jury not present.)

15 THE COURT: You may be seated. Go off the
16 record at this time.

17 (Off the record discussion.)

18 THE COURT: At this time we'll go back on
19 the record. Mr. Kratz.

20 ATTORNEY KRATZ: Judge, before we break for
21 lunch, Mr. Strang was kind enough to alert me that
22 this witness may be cross-examined with the
23 assistance of a audio CD. Mr. Strang gave me a CD
24 that has 24 tracks on it. I don't know if he
25 intends to play all 24 tracks in the

1 cross-examination, but it would certainly assist us
2 in orienting as to the time and the context of those
3 conversations, if those could be identified. If
4 they can't, that's fine, but if the tracks
5 themselves, rather than listen to all 24 during the
6 lunch hour, could be identified, we would appreciate
7 that.

8 THE COURT: Mr. Strang.

9 ATTORNEY STRANG: Well, I provided the CD
10 out of an abundance of caution. I think these --
11 these taped calls are all calls that the State, like
12 the defense, received during the hearing on
13 August 9, 2006, from the Manitowoc County Sheriff's
14 Department. We should probably excuse the witness.

15 THE COURT: I was just thinking about that
16 myself. Mr. Colborn, if you can step out of the
17 courtroom for a minute, we'll continue here. The
18 witness has now left the courtroom.

19 ATTORNEY STRANG: Right. As I say, I'm
20 quite confident that when we received the CD's from
21 the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department on
22 August 9, 2006, the State also received the very
23 same recorded calls, both radio transmissions and
24 some land lines at the sheriff's department that are
25 answered by dispatchers. Out of an abundance of

1 caution, I gave Mr. Kratz another copy of the disc
2 I'm going to mark today. But I'm not interested in
3 disclosing my cross-examination over the lunch hour
4 while, you know, the State is free to prepare
5 including with the witness.

6 THE COURT: All right. If it's information
7 that the parties already have, I don't know what's
8 going to come in but, Mr. Kratz, if you need a break
9 before redirect, I will take up a request at that
10 time.

11 ATTORNEY KRATZ: That's fine and counsel
12 may hear the very same response later in the trial.
13 That's fine. Thank you, Judge.

14 THE COURT: Okay.

15 (Noon recess taken.)

16 THE COURT: Mr. Kratz, at this time you may
17 resume your direct examination of Mr. Colborn.

18 ATTORNEY KRATZ: Thank you, Judge.

19 **DIRECT EXAMINATION**

20 BY ATTORNEY KRATZ:

21 Q. Sergeant Colborn, we left off with the next day,
22 I believe, of your involvement with the -- on
23 Monday, the 7th of November; do you remember that
24 day?

25 A. Yes, sir.

1 Q. Were you asked to return to the Avery property?
2 A. Yes, I was.
3 Q. And, by the way, who were you asked to return
4 there by?
5 A. The Calumet County Sheriff's Office, or
6 Department of Criminal Investigation, one of
7 those officers.
8 Q. If you could speak up just a little bit,
9 Sergeant, I would appreciate it.
10 A. I was either asked to return by the Calumet
11 County Sheriff's Department, one of their
12 supervisors, or by the Department of
13 Corrections -- or Department of Criminal
14 Investigations, Agent Tom Fassbender.
15 Q. Were you, for lack of a better word, volunteering
16 for this service, or these duties?
17 A. No.
18 Q. On the 7th of November, then, do you recall about
19 what time you returned to the salvage yard?
20 A. Somewhere between 6:30 in the morning and 7:30 in
21 the morning, I believe.
22 Q. Sergeant Colborn, what were you asked to do on
23 the 7th, if you recall?
24 A. On the -- On Monday, I was informed that -- by
25 Sergeant Tice that I -- Tyson, that I would be

1 working with him, again. This would be the same
2 Sergeant Tyson that I had worked with on
3 Saturday.

4 And he informed us that our assignment
5 that day was to go into the Avery Salvage Yard
6 and open any trunks of vehicles that had not yet
7 been searched, because the trunks, apparently,
8 they couldn't find the keys for these vehicles
9 and we were to look inside the trunks of these
10 vehicles.

11 Q. Were there any other members of your team, other
12 than you and Sergeant Tyson?

13 A. Also Lieutenant Lenk was with me that day.

14 Q. And did you, in fact, assist in opening up or
15 searching trunks that hadn't yet been opened?

16 A. Yes, I did.

17 Q. What else happened on the 7th?

18 A. That took the better part of the morning. I
19 believe in the afternoon we were instructed to
20 start collecting -- you know, specifically
21 instructed to collect -- I take that back. At
22 some point we were also asked to get a -- I
23 believe this was the day that we were asked to
24 get the serial number off Steven Avery's
25 computer.

1 Q. Did you assist Sergeant Tyson in that regard?

2 A. Yes, I did.

3 Q. Can you tell the jury what you did, please.

4 A. The serial number is on the back of the computer.

5 And the portion of the computer that we needed

6 the serial number was underneath a desk that had

7 been shown earlier, the photograph that was shown

8 earlier. So I crawled underneath the desk and

9 used a flashlight to obtain the manufacturer and

10 the serial number of the computer, which Sergeant

11 Tyson wrote down.

12 Q. All right. How long did that process take?

13 A. At the most, 10 minutes.

14 Q. Did you go in any other part of the residence, or

15 did you confine yourself to the living room area?

16 A. I just confined myself to the area where the

17 computer was that day.

18 Q. What else did you do then?

19 A. I believe then we were instructed to -- I believe

20 we were instructed, then, to start collecting

21 some firearms from the other residences that were

22 on the Avery property. I believe, specifically,

23 Barb Janda's residence.

24 Q. And did you do that?

25 A. Yes, sir.

1 Q. All right. What's the next thing you did on the
2 7th?

3 A. I know at one point I was asked to take some
4 photographs, I believe, of a burning barrel that
5 was on Steve Avery's property. I did do that.

6 Q. Which -- Which burn barrel did you take
7 photographs of?

8 A. It was a burn barrel that was on, I would -- that
9 was in close proximity to Steve's trailer. And I
10 remember it had a car wheel by it.

11 Q. To orient us to that, there's an exhibit which
12 has been received, it's Exhibit 114. It's,
13 again, an exterior computer animation. If you
14 take your laser pointer up there, tell us what
15 we're looking at, and what burn barrel you were
16 asked to examine and photograph?

17 A. That burn barrel right there. I remember right
18 on one -- either this side or this side of it
19 there was a car wheel standing on its edge with a
20 tire missing.

21 Q. Did it appear to you, at least as you went to
22 that scene and as you look at Exhibit 114, who
23 that burn barrel is attached to?

24 A. Yes, it's the burn barrel for that residence,
25 right there, Steve Avery's residence.

1 Q. Now, Sergeant, you talked about some different
2 kinds of photography. I think you talked about
3 digital as well as 35mm photography; do you
4 remember that day, the 7th of November, what kind
5 of photography you were performing?

6 A. 35mm, I did not do any digital photography the
7 entire time I was out there, personally.

8 Q. That way you talked about a wheel next to the
9 burn barrel, I'm going to show you what's been
10 marked as Exhibit No. 158, in fact, Mr. Fallon is
11 going to hand it to you, but I would ask you if
12 you could tell us what this is an image of.

13 A. That is a car wheel, that's at the very edge of
14 Steve Avery's burn barrel. And those wires, I
15 believe, that are around the wheel are actually
16 part of the make up of the tire, probably like
17 portions of the steel belt.

18 Q. As we get closer, do a little bit of a close up,
19 can you see that better now on the screen?

20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. By the way, Exhibit 158, is that a photo that you
22 took or likely took?

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 ATTORNEY KRATZ: In all honesty, Judge, so
25 that I don't forget, I'm going to move the admission

1 of Exhibit 158 at this time.

2 THE COURT: Any objection?

3 ATTORNEY STRANG: None.

4 THE COURT: 158 is received.

5 Q. (By Attorney Kratz)~ Were you asked to do
6 anything else on the 7th, Sergeant?

7 A. I believe I was also -- At some point, apparently
8 the Command Post received word that some
9 searchers had located an area that -- it looked
10 suspicious, there was plastic poking up from the
11 ground and it looked like the ground had been
12 disturbed. So I was asked to go to that area
13 along with the Wisconsin State Crime Lab,
14 Sergeant Tyson, and Lieutenant Lenk and help the
15 Crime Lab, if they requested it, to excavate that
16 area.

17 Q. Do you know on what roadway this was?

18 A. I believe it was off Kuss, White Cedar Road.

19 Q. This is something that Mr. Ertl, yesterday,
20 talked about a potential burial site but what
21 wasn't; was that your understanding, that it
22 turned out not to be?

23 A. Yes, it turned out to be nothing.

24 Q. Did you do anything else on the 7th.

25 A. I think by the time we were down with that, that

1 consumed the rest of the day.

2 Q. Let's move on then to the 8th, which would be

3 Tuesday, the 8th of November, were you asked to

4 return to the property?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. Again, who were you asked to return there by?

7 A. By -- No, I didn't get the -- the -- wasn't told

8 to me directly. Usually Lieutenant Lenk met with

9 members of the Calumet County Sheriff's

10 Department and Department of Criminal

11 Investigations at the completion of each day and

12 then I would just check with Lieutenant Lenk, are

13 we needed tomorrow or no.

14 Q. I see.

15 A. And then he said, we're needed tomorrow.

16 Q. Did you show up then on the 8th?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. And who were you attached to, or who were you

19 assigned to that day?

20 A. I was assigned to Deputy Dan Kucharski from the

21 Calumet County Sheriff's Department.

22 Q. Do you know what you were asked to do on the 8th?

23 A. Yes, Deputy Kucharski, Lieutenant Lenk, and

24 myself were instructed, by Special Agent

25 Fassbender, to look for some specific printed

1 material inside Steven Avery's residence.

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. And to collect same.

4 Q. Did you have occasion to enter Steven Avery's
5 bedroom on the 8th of November?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. Who did you enter that bedroom with.

8 A. Deputy Kucharski and Lieutenant Lenk.

9 Q. How long did you spend in that bedroom on the
10 8th, if you recall?

11 A. An hour or so.

12 Q. Were you directed to perform any search of that
13 trailer, specifically of that bedroom?

14 A. Before -- Actually, before we started on the
15 bedroom, I was instructed to, with Deputy
16 Kucharski, to remove the computer and to wait
17 until the computer was picked up by another law
18 enforcement officer.

19 Q. Okay. Did you do that?

20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. Then, moving to the bedroom, my question is,
22 whether you were to perform a search that day?

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. I'm showing you what's been marked for
25 identification as Exhibit No. 208; can you tell

1 us what that is, please.

2 A. These are photographs of a cabinet that's right
3 next to the desk in Steve Avery's bedroom, that
4 would be the same bedroom where the firearms were
5 that I described before and --

6 Q. We're just talking about the first one now,
7 Exhibit 208.

8 A. That's this photograph here. It's a picture
9 of -- this is a desk.

10 Q. I'm actually going to put a view up for the jury
11 so that we can -- Okay. If you want to use your
12 laser pointer where everybody can see what you
13 are talking about then.

14 A. This is a desk. There's an open area, that's the
15 picture. This is a cabinet, you can see how
16 closely it is positioned to the desk there.

17 Q. Let me just stop you, is this something that you
18 earlier called a bookcase.

19 A. This cabinet, I'm sorry, yes, I called it a
20 bookcase and that's actually, I guess, what it
21 is, a bookcase.

22 Q. Just so that the jury understands, was this the
23 item from which the handcuffs and the leg irons
24 were seized a couple days earlier?

25 A. Yes, sir. It's easier to see now, with this

1 A. Correct.

2 Q. The Sheriff's Department includes as one of its
3 divisions, or bureaus, units, if you will, an
4 Investigative Unit?

5 A. Yes, sir. To make it easier, both patrol and
6 investigations are assigned to the Operations
7 Division of the Manitowoc County Sheriff's
8 Department.

9 Q. Very well. Thank you. But they are separate
10 units within the operations division?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. You had been trained in evidence collection as a
13 technician?

14 A. Yes, sir.

15 Q. That went back to, I think, 1997?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. That was something for which you volunteered?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. You were accepted or someone accepted your offer
20 and you got some special training?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. One of the people from whom you got that special
23 training is seated right over there, second to my
24 right in the back, true?

25 A. Evidence tech training?

1 Q. Yes.

2 A. No, sir.

3 Q. Didn't get that kind of training from Special

4 Agent Fassbender?

5 A. No, I did not.

6 Q. What training did you get from Special Agent

7 Fassbender? I'm talking about well before

8 November, 2005 now.

9 A. Special Agent Fassbender was my DAT, which is

10 defense and arrest tactics, instructor during the

11 recruit academy at Fox Valley Tech.

12 Q. All right. Having nothing directly to do with

13 evidence collection?

14 A. That's correct, sir.

15 Q. But you went through a recruit academy?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. As do all police recruits or candidate officers?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. How long did that academy last?

20 A. It was 400 hours when I went through the academy.

21 Ten weeks, roughly.

22 Q. Roughly 10 weeks full-time?

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. All right. We'll come back to that a little bit

25 later in a different context. Did you have any